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PREFACE.

LTHO' this Composition hath cost me much Time and Pains; yet I little thought of exposing it to public View: But being repeatedly importuned by my Friends, I was at last prevailed upon to commit it to the Press. And such as it is I now offer it to the Public, from whom, should it meet with a favourable Reception, it would compensate for all the Trouble I have been at, and the Time I have spent in the Prosecution of it. Perhaps there may appear in the Eyes of the Accurate much Incorrectness that I was not able to discern; therefore would beg the Critic to be tender, and restify those Errors which through Inexperience may kappen to have escaped the Notice of a Youth, in the Course of so large a Volume.

I would here take Occosion to return my Thanks to those Gentlemen who have put so much Considence in this Performance, as to promote and encourage it by Subscription, before they could have an Opportunity of examining it. And I would acknowledge myself in a particular Manner obligated to that Gentleman who has honored me and this Book with his learned Philosophical Essay on Sound; yet at the same Time I can't but be sorry that I am not allowed to give the Public the Satisfaction of knowing his Name: For somewhat contrary to Nature, Modesty in this Gentleman, has so sar gained the Ascendency over Ambition, that the World must remain deprived of the Knowledge of him, 'till his Name shall shine on the Page of some suture Work.

It would be needless in me to attempt to set forth the Usefulness and Importance of Psalm-singing, which is so universally known and acknowledged, and on which depends no inconsiderable Part of the Divine Worship of our Churches. But thus much would I say, That he who sinds himself gifted with a tunable Voice, and yet neglects to cultivate it, not only hides in the Earth a Talent of the highest Value, but robs himself of that peculiar Pleasure, of which they only are conscious who exercise that Faculty.

Authors in general, upon Subjectiof-this. Nature, abound mostly in Tunes of common Metre; but in this Respect, I have deviated from them, endeavouring to have a Sassificiency in each Medsure. In the Composition I have been as plain and simple as possible; and yet have tried to the utmost of my Power to preserve the modern Air and Manner of Singing. And should it upon Proof be found equal to the Attempt; khope it will be as well an Inducement to the unskill d in the Art to prosecute the Study of it, as an Entertainment to the more experienced in it.

Boston, October 7, 1770.

ADVERTISEMENT.

IF this Work should meet with Encouragement, it may be an Inducement to the Author to publish another Volume, which he has in Possession, confishing chiefly of Anthems, Fuges and Chorus's, of his own Composition.



An ESSAY on the Nature and Properties of Sound.

USIC being nothing but particular Sounds, variously modified, and adapted to please the Ear, perhaps those, WSIC being nothing but particular soulids, various, industries, the unentertained with fome Observations on the Na-whose Ears are so constituted, as to delight in it, may not be unentertained with some Observations on the Nature of Sounds in general, more especially such, as are called Musical Tones.—The Doctrine of Sounds, is, in many Respects, the most intricate and perplexed, of any one Branch of natural Philosophy; and has puzzled the greatest Genius's in the Explication of the Phanomena relative thereto. I shall not here attempt to enter into the more abstruse Parts of it, fuch, as may require Mathematical Calculations in the Investigation of, but consider those Things only, which are of principal Concernment, and at the fame Time, not very difficult to comprehend; for, this Essay is designed only to give a general Notion of the Nature and Properties of Sound to those, who have not had the Advantages of a Philosophical Education.—Sound, confidered abstractedly as a mere Perception of the Mind, admits not of Definition or Explanation; what is here principally to be confidered, are those Circumstances, which must necessarily take Place in Nature, in order to produce in us the Idea of Sound.—It appears very evident from Experiments, that Sound, has a necessary dependence on the Air; for, in Places, from whence the Air is extracted, as in an exhausted Receiver, the most sonorous Bodies emit no Sound at all. The Air, therefore, may be confidered, as the Subject, or Medium of Sound, without which, we never shou'd have the Perception of it. And, as the Air, is a Fluid whose Particles are specifically extremely light, and indued with the Property of Elasticity in a great Degree, it follows, that they make but a small Refisance, and are easily put into Motion by any impress'd Force; which Motion of the Air, will ever correspond with, and partake of, the same Kind, of the Motion of the moving Power. When, therefore, the Farts of an elastic Body by Percussion, are put into a tremulous, vibrating Motion (which Kind of Motion is natural to all elastic Bodies in recovering their natural State, after an impressing Force ceases to act) those tremulous Motions, communicate correspondent Vibrations, to the contiguous Particles of Air, they to others, and so on, till having arrived at a certain Distance from the tremulous Body, the Vibrations cease; being gradually destroyed, by a continual successive Propagation of Motion, to fresh Particles of Air, throughout their Progress.—A fleady uniform Current of Air fuch as produces Wind, however flrong, will not occasion Sound; but it is necessary there should be a tremulous, or reciprocal vibratory Motion, and that to a certain Degree of Quickness, in order to produce an audible Tone. This Matter will be best conceived of, by instancing in the Vibrations of a Mufical Chord. When an elastic Chord or String sufficiently stretched, is pulled out of its rectilinear Situation by a Force applied; and then left to recover its natural State by its Power of Elasticity, it will produce a Number of Vibrations; that is it will pass and repass a Number of Times across the Line which it occupies in its quiescent State. These Vibrations, though they become shorter and shorter till the Chord is at perfect Rest, are all made in equal Times; that is, the first or longest Vibration, takes up no more Time than the last or shortest. Now, it must appear very evident, that the contiguous Particles of Air, being compelled to move forward by the first Impulse of the Chord in its first Vibration, propel those next to them, and these, others again, and so on to a considerable Distance according to the Intensity of the percuffiveForce. But when the Chord makes the fecond Part of the Vibration, by returning back again, the Particles of Air also, by their repulsive Power, repel each other toward their proper Places, and thus again expand themselves; and

thus there will be a continual Condensation and Expansion of the Air, at every compleat Vibration of the Chord. Whence it will appear evident, that there must be the same Number of Tremors or Vibrations of the Air, that the sonorous Body makes. These reciprocal Tremors of the Air, made by the Vibrations of an elastic Body succeed each other in an undulatory or wave-like Manner, analogus to Waves generated in the Surface of stagnant Water by an impressed Force, and foread themselves around in every Direction, in concentrec Spheres, whose Centre is the sonorous Body. And it frequently happens, that in their Progress from the sounding Body which is their Centre, that they meet with various resisting Objects, upon which they are impinged, which will reflect them back, and so cause new Vibrations of the same Kind the contrary Way. If the refifting Odject is a little more than 500 Feet distant, the reflected Sound will be distinctly heard, because it will take up near a second of Time in its Access and Recess. But if the Distance be much less, the reflected Sound will fo nearly coincide with the original as not to be diffinguished from it. This may be observed in Church es where, though the Voice of the Speaker suffers a vast Number of Reslections from the Roof, Floor, and Walls, yet they so mix themselves together with the original Voice, as not to be distinguished from it, but only render it stronger. These reflected Sounds constitute what is called an Eccho; and the greater the Distance of the reflecting Object, the longer in Proportion to that Distance will the Time be, before the Repetition of the Sound will be heard: And when the Sound in its Progress meets with Objects at different Distances sufficient to produce an Eccho, the same Sound will be repeated feveral Times successively, according to the different Distances of these Objects from the sounding Body; which makes what is called a repeated Eccho. Sound is subject to the same Laws in its Reflection, that Light and Heat are, the Angle of Reflection in both Cases, being the same as the Angle of Incidence; and therefore it is easy to determine where the Eccho will be most distinctly heard when the Figure of the reflecting Surface, and the Situation of the sounding Body are known.—If Sound is impressed upon a Column of Air, contained in a long narrow, but diverging Tube such as the common Speaking Trumpet, it will continually reflected and reverberated from the curved Sides, into the Axis, whereby it becomes more intense at its Exit, and will consequently be much louder, and be heard at a much greater Distance than otherwise it wou'd be. So likewise if the narrow End be applied to the Ear, and the broad End directed towards the Body which emits the Sound, the fonorous Rays (as they may be called) will be collected, converged, and firike the Drum of the Ear with greater Force, in Proportion, as the Diameter of the broad End, is greater than the narrow. - The Velocity of the grial Wayes, or of Sound, is equible and uniform, and efforis paribus, will pais over Spaces proportional to the Times; that is, double the Space, in double the Time, and so on. Adverse or conspiring Winds make but a small Difference in the Velocity of Sounds, (tho' very confiderable in their Loudness) too small to be distinguished in several Miles, tho' in great Difference is fensible. All Sounds, proceeding from whatever fonorous Bodies, whether intense or weak, grave or acute, move with the same Degree of Velocity, which is at the Rate of 1142 Feet per Second, or nearly a Mile in 41 Seconds. The Distance to which Sounds may be heard depends upon many concurring Circumstances, viz. First, the Intensity of the Stroke made on the tremulous Body emitting the Sound; for, the greater the Stroke is, the greater will be the Agitation of the Particles of the fonorous Body, and confequently the greater will be the Force with which they will impress the contiguous Particles of Air; and the greater the Force is impressed upon Air, the more closely will it be condensed, and with greater Violence expanded; hence the greater will be the Stroke at any given Distance on the Drum of the Ear, and consequently the greater will be the Distance at which the Agitation Agitation of the Air, will be fenfible. Secondly, the Denfity of the Air; for the more denfe the Air is, the louder will the Sound be from the fame Caufe; and, as the Loudness of the Sound depends upon the Magnitude of the Force impreffed upon the Air, by the tremulous Body, it follows, that the more dense the Air is, the greater will be the Force impressed upon the Air, by a tremulous Body agitated with the same Degree of Violence, and consequently the Sound will be heard at a greater Distance. Thirdly, confpiring Winds; for as the Particles of Air contiguous to the sonorous Body, receive a certain Quantity of Motion at each Vibration of the Body, they communicate Motion to those next them, they to others, and so on fuccessively; but, as the circular Waves continually increase in their Surface as they depart from the Center, they must consequently communicate Motion to larger Portions of Air, so that the Force not the Velocity of their Motions must constantly decrease, till finally it will be so far lost, as not to be perceptible to the Ear; this takes place in a perfect Calm: But when a current of Air conspires with this undulatory Motion, it meets with less Refiftance, and confequently will have the same Force, and be audible at a greater Distance. There are numerous Faperiments by which it has been found, that Sound is audible, Sixty or Eighty Miles: And in the Fight between England

and Holland A. D. 1662, the Report of the Cannon was heard at the Diltance of 200 Miles.

In order the more effectually to comprehend the Nature of Sound, and conceive of the Manner in which that Perception is excited in the Mind, it will be necessary to have some Knowledge of the Mechanisin of the Ear, which, of all the Organs of Sense is the most wonderful and complex. I shall not here attempt an exact anatomical Description of the Ear, but consider it so far only, as may be necessary in some Degree to ascertain the Modus of Hearing.—The external Part of the Ear, or that which is without the Head, is most curiously contrived to collect the sonorous Rays (in like Manner as a concave Mirror collects the Rays of the Sun) which meets in a Focus at the Entrance of the Meatus auditorius, or Paffage which leads directly into the Head to the internal Ear, by which means the most obscure Sounds may be rendered audible. The Meatus auditorius is a Tube composed partly of Cartilage, partly of Bone, lined with a smooth nervous Membrane defended with a vifcid Water and Wax; whence, it is extremely well adapted to convey Sounds from without, inward without corrupting them. In its Course inward, it proceeds not in a first Line, but first ascends, then descends, then ascends again in a serpentine Manner till it terminates in the Membrane of the Tympanum, or Drum of the Ear; which winding Course, by increasing its Length, serves to increase the Number of Reflections, and Loudaess of the Sounds. At the End of the Meatus auditorius, there is a fine nervous Membrane spread across, called the Membrana Tympani, or Membrane of the Tympanum; upon the Center of which, the tremulous Concustions of the Air, after various Reflections and Reverberations through the Meatus auditorius, are impinged. Under this Membrane, is the Cavity of the Tympanum, which contains a Portion of common Air, but has no natural Communication with the external Ear; there is a Tube which leads from thence, into the Mouth behind the Tonfils; by means of which, the Air from the Tympanum, may be expelled, or fresh Air admitted. Under the Membrane of the Tympanum, there is a Nerve extended across, in like Manner that Chords are extended across the Parchment of the Bottom of a Drum. The Membrane of the Tympanum, is furnished with proper Muscles, by means of which, it may be strained or relaxed, according to the variety of Sounds, that it may be capable of coming into Unifon, or correspond Harmonically, to all Sounds; otherwise, it would be affected with only one Sound, namely, that, with which, it was in Concord. There are in the Labyrinth of the Ear, four little Bones furnished with proper Muscles, very useful in the Operation of Hearing. These are called

the Malleus, the Incus, the Os Orbiculare, and the Stapes. The Membrane of the Tympanum is connected with the Handle of the Malleus, which is articulated with the Incus; the Incus is connected with the Os Orbiculare, and Stapes; which last, by Means of a Membrane, adheres to the Fenestra Ovalis. The Fenestra Ovalis, is an opening into another Cavity of the Ear, called the Vestibulum; the lesser Part of which, communicates with the superiour Part of the Cochlea. The Cochlea, is a hollow spiral Body, containing two Circumvolutions and an half, in order to increase its Length; the Necessity of which, will, by and by be perceived, in its Use; it is the inmost Cavity of the Ear, and properly the Place, where Sounds are the most distinctly impressed upon the auditory* Nerve. The auditory Nerve, enters into the Vestibulum by several little Holes, and forms a curious Lining all over the inside Surface of it. These Nerves also, pass into the Cochlea; and branch themselves out into an exquisite Membranous Expansion on each Side of the same, which thus becomes the more immediate Organ of Hearing. The Cavity of the Vestibulum is always filled with an elastic Air, tho'

there appears no visible Way by which it can enter.

Having thus premifed a Description of the Organ of Hearing, we shall better conceive the Nature of, and the Manner in which, Sounds are excited in the Mind. When the Air is put into a tremulous Motion by the Vibrations of a fonorous Body, the sonorous Rays are collected by the external Ear, and concentered into a Focus, at the Entrance of the Meatus auditorius, where they are condensed by various Reflections through that Passage, to their Incidence on the Membrana Tympani; which, being actuated by its proper Muscles for that Purpose, is rendered more or less lax or tense, as the Tone of the Sound is more or less acute or grave, and thus be fitly adapted to vibrate in Correspondence with the vibrating Body. This Membrane being connected with the Malleus, will excite that into harmonical Tremors; and the Incus being connected with the Malleus, must be agitated in the same Manner, and communicate the like Tremors to the Os Orbiculare, and Stapes; and the Membrane which shuts the Fenestra Ovalis, being contiguous to the Stapes, must fuffer the like Agitations, which will be communicated to the elastic Air in the Vestibulum, and Cochlea, and consequently to the auditory Nerve itself. The Membrane which shuts the Fenestra Ovalis, by a curious Apparatus of the Paris, in like Manner as the Membrane of the Tympanum, may be intended, or remitted, in a val Variety of Degrees, so as to be adapted for every Sort and Degree of Sound; and for communicating them to the internal Air, which affects the Nerves expanded over the internal Surface of the Vestibulum and Cochlea, with fimilar and corresponding Tremors. There is something extremely curious in the Expansion of the Nerves over the spiral Fabric of the Cochlea; for they are contrived, like so many Strings of an Harpsichord, of various decreasing Lengths, and different Octaves, that so, some or other of them, may be of a proper Length to be in Concord with the founding Body, and to tremble with the same Vibration; which, by the Continuation of the Nerves, are conveyed to the common Senfory in the Brain, where the Mind perceives, and diffinguishes the infinite Differences of harmonious and discording Tones. Having treated thus far of the Nature of Sounds in general, the Organ of Hearing, and the Manner in which Sounds are impressed upon that Organ, I shall now add some sew Observations on those particular Sounds, called harmonious or musical Tones. When

The Nerves are cylindrical, whitish Fibres originating in the Brain, and running from thence to every Part of the Body capable of Sensation. They are the immediate Instruments of Sensation, Motion, and Nutrition of the several Parts of the whole human Fabric.—
It is by means of the Nerves that we see, hear, taste, smell and feel, and if they are suspended in their Origin, all the animal Functions immediately cease, and Death ensues. They may, therefore, properly be called the immediate Organs of Perception.

When the Air is uniformly agitated by an homogeneous elastic Body for a Length of Time sufficient to gain the Attention, it constitutes a musical Tone or Sound, which will be either acute or grave in Proportion to the Number of Vibrations performed in a given Time. The quicker the Succession of the Vibrations is, the more acute is the Tone and & contra. But these reciprocal Tremors of the Air must be to a certain determinate Degree of Quickness in order to produce Sound. For if there are fewer than five or fix Hundred in the Space of a Second of Time, they will not produce Sound to a human Ear; about that Number being the gravest audible Tone; and on the other Hand, if more than fix or seven Thousand. fucceed each other in the same Space of Time, no Sound will be produced in us; because, corresponding Tremors, or Vibrations, in the Organ of Hearing, cannot take Place. All Sounds, from the loudest to the lowest, which proceed from the Vibrations of the same Body, are of the same Tone; the Magnitude of the Stroke, upon the fonorous Body, though it increases the Loudness of the Sound, yet adds not to the Acuteness of it, because, the Vibrations are made in equal Times, and the Times of the Vibrations, are what constitute the Acuteness or Gravity of the Sound. Therefore, all fonorous Bodies of whatever Kind, or Nature, which produce an equal Number of Vibrations in the same Time, will yield one and the same Tone called an Unifon, which is the most perfect Concord. In this Cafe, the Number of Vibrations, though performed by a Variety of Bodies perfectly coinciding. the Air will be uniformly agitated, and affect the Ear with a simple Sound, increased only in Loudness by the Number of sonorous Bodies. In Truth and Fact, this is very generally the Case with what we call simple Sounds; for let any Sound be made, either with the Voice, or any fonorous Body, every other fonorous Body near it, and in Unifon with it. that is, such as perform an equal Number of Vibrations in the same Time, will be thereby made to Sound. For the Vibrations of the Air, which correspond to the Tremors of the first founding Body, agreeing exactly in Point of Time, with those, which are capable of being given to the other Body in Unison with it, when they have, by their Impulse communicated a fmall Degree of Motion to it, will, by conspiring with it, as it moves backwards and forwards, continually increase its Motion, till it becomes sensible. So that the greater Number of sonorous Bodies there are in Unison with the first founding Body, and near enough to be sensibly affected with its Tremors, the louder will the Sound be and will feem to the Ear, to be a simple unmixt Sound. And, not only those Bodies, which are in Unison with the first founding Body, but Bodies which naturally yield a Tone an Oflave, Fifth, or Third, greater or leffer, more grave or acute than the first founding Body, will be made to tremble and yield their natural Tone in Concord with the first, though not in equal Degree with a perfect Unifon. But, when fonorous Bodies are in Discord with each other, that is, when their Vibrations are not performed in equal Times, or in Octave, Fifth, or Third, greater or leffer, the Reverse of this will take Place. For, though the first Vibration of one, may give Motion to the rest, yet as they are unequal in the Times of their Vibrations, and not within the Reach of concording Vibrations, there will be a croffing of Motions more or lefs according to the Inequality; by reason of which, the Motions of the untouched Bodies, will be so checked, as never to be sensible. With respect to two Musical Chords of the same Species of Matter, stretched with the same Degree of Force, and of the same Magnitude, but one double the Length of the other, it may be observed, that the longer naturally yields a Tone oneOclave lower than the shorter; by reason of its making but half the Number of Vibrations in the same Time, but if the shorter be made to found, the two Extreams of the longer, if within a proper Distance, will each found an Unifon with it, while the middle Point remain at Reft. So likewise, if one be thrice the Length of the other, and under the

the fame Circumstances, beforementioned, if the shorter be made to vibrate, the other will be divided into three Parts. each of which will found an Unison with the shorter, and the two Points between those Parts, will remain at Rest. And unless this was to take Place, that Chord which vibrates twice, while the other once, must necessarily interfere with it at every fecond Vibration; and that which vibrates thrice, while the other once, wou'd interfere with it at every third; fo that it would not be put into a fufficient Motion to produce Sound. But, when it is divided by the quiescent Points, it becomes so many Chords at Unison with the former, each of which easily receives its Vibrations from thence. Thus we have attained the Idea of a most perfect Concord, called an Unifon, which is no more than an exact Correspondence of the Vibrations of sonorous Bodies, respecting Time; for the Ground and Reason of Concordance among Musical Sounds, is, the Coincidences of the Vibrations of sonorous Bodies. The next most persect Concord, is what is called the Octave, and differs from an Unifon in this, that in two Musical Chords or Strings, the one of which yields a Tone an Octave more acute than the other, it performs double the Number of Vibrations in the fame Time; whereas in an Unifon, the same Number is performed in the same Time. An Octave comes the nearest to an Unison, of any possible Sound in Nature; and therefore is called the next most perfect Concord; because the more acute Octave, makes precifely two Vibrations while the more grave or deep one, makes one; confequently there is a Coincidence at every Vibration of the grave, and at every other of the acute. Hence Unifon and Octave, by reason of their near Resemblance, have been mistaken for one and the same Sound. When the Times of the Vibrations of two Musical Chords, are as two to three, the Coincidence will be at every third Vibration of the quickest; which is therefore in the next Degree of Perfection, and called a Fifth. If the Times of the Vibrations, are, as three to four, the Coincidence will be at every fourth of the lesser; and this is called a Fourth. But this, and the two next which follow in order, viz. four to five, and five to fix, which make the Third greater and Third leffer, are not so pleasant and agreeable to the judicious Ear; and are therefore called imperfect Concords. If the Coincidences become less frequent than these, the Consonance is intolerable to a Musical Ear, and constitutes what is called Discord. The Difference, therefore, between Concord and Difcord among Sounds, feems to arife, from the different Proportions of the Vibrations of fonorous Bodies; that is, from the frequency of the Coincidences of their Vibrations. The more frequent the Vibrations of two Mufical Chords coincide, the more perfect the Concord, and the more agreeable to the Ear, is the compound Sound; and, vice versa. But, the essential Difference between Concord and Discord; that is, the Reason why the one shou'd be agreeable, the other difagreeable, feems to be beyond the Reach of natural Philosophy to account for. There does not appear any natural Aptitude in the two Sounds of a Concord, to give a pleasing Sensation, more than in two of a Discord; this must be released into the Divine Will, which, has thought proper to impress us, with pleasing or displeasing Perceptions, from those particular Circumstances of Sound. We know from Experience, what Proportion of Vibrations are pleasing, and, what not; and, we know likewise how to express their Difference by the Proportion of Numbers. We know what is pleasing, tho' we do not know why; for Instance, we know that the Ratios of one to two which we call an Octave, constitute a Concord, and fix to seven a Discord; but on what original System, pleasing or displeasing Ideas, are connected with those Relations, seems to be above the Reach of our Faculties to determine.

The following Ratios, or Comparisons, of the Lengths of Chords, of the same Diameters, and stretched with equal Forces will be Concords, viz. 2 to 1, 3 to 2, 4 to 3, 5 to 4, 6 to 5, 5 to 3, and 8 to 5; that is, by taking any Chord for a Fundamental, represented by 1, the following Divisions thereof will be all Concords with the whole; as \(\frac{1}{2} \) \(\frac{1}{2} \)

2, 4, 5, 3, 5 -I will here subjoin a Table of all the Concords, between the Ratio of Unison, or 1 to 1, and the Octave 2 to I; expressing the Ra io's or Comparitons of the Lengths of the Chords, and their Vibrations, the Frequency of their Coincidences with the fundamental or gravefillene, Names expressing their Intervals, and Degrees of Perfection.

Length.	Vibrat:	Coin.	Names.		This Table wants but little Explanation; take an Ex-					
	I to I		Unison.	Most perfect.	ample of the Fifth; the Length of the Chords found-					
6 to 5	5 to 6	1 5	Third leffer.	Imperfect.	ing this Concord, must be as 3 to 2, the Vibrations					
	4 to 5	4	Third greater.	Imperfect.	will be as 2 to 3, the Coincidence of their Vibrations,					
4 to 3		1 3	l'ourth.	Imperfect.	will be at every second Vibration of the Fundamental,					
	2 to 3	2	Fifth.	Perfect.	or slowest vibrating Chord; it is called a Fisth, as					
8 to 5	_		Sixth leffer.	Imperfect.	being the fifth Note from the Fundamental, or Key-					
	3 to 5	3	Sixth greater.	Imperfect.	Note inclusive; and is the next perfect Concord to an					
, ,	I to 2		Ostave.	Persect	Octave; as will readily appear from an Inspection of					
the Table. By this Table it will appear, that inConcords the greatest Number of Vibrations of the Fundamental cannot										
exceed five; that is, there will be no Concord where the Fundamental makes more than five Vibrations to one Coinci-										

dence of the acute Term.

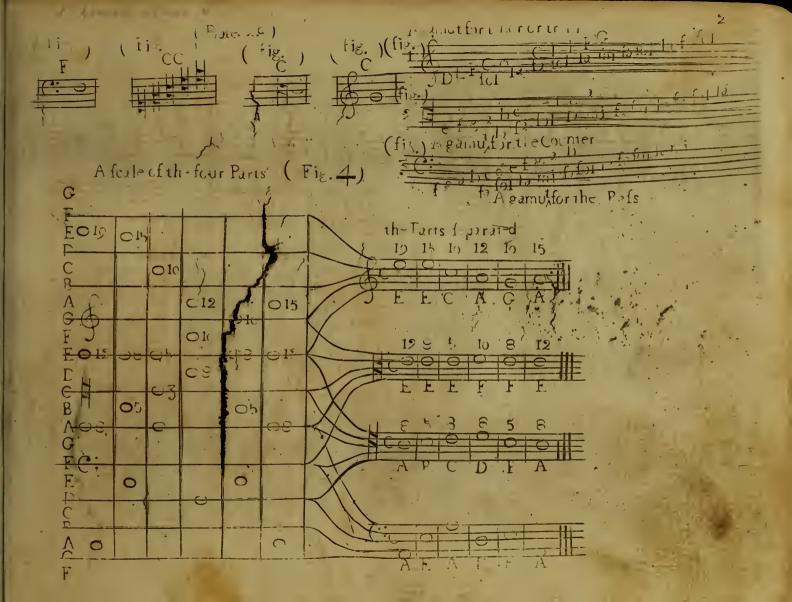
Among the many wonderful Effects, which are faid to be produced by Mufick, hone is more extraordinary than that which it has on those, who have been bit by the Tarantula. As there is fomething curious in the Account given of it by good Authority, perhaps a short Relation may not be unacceptable. The Tarantula, is a large Spider, about three quarters of an Inch long, and as big as one's little Finger; they are Natives of Aupulia in the Kingdom of Naples in Italy, They are not venomous, but in hot Weather; at which Time, whoever is bit by them after fome Time loses both Sense and Motion, and dies if destitute of Help. The most effectual Remedy is Music. The Musician tries a Variety of Airs, till he hits upon one, that effects the Patient, who upon that begins to move by Degrees; first keeps Time with his Fingers, Arios, and Legs, afterwards is violently agitated in every Part of his Body; and then leaps up, begins to dance, and increases in Activity every Moment; till after five or fix Hours, being very much fatigued, he is put to Bed and left to tweat. The next Day the fame Air brings him co. of Bed for a new Dance. Which Exercise being thus continued, the Diffemper is abated in the Space of four or five Days; the Effects of the Bite being in some Measure carried off by Sweat, and the Patient begins then to recover his Senfe and Knowledge by little and little. This Cure feems to be for a Seafon only, for the Symtoms come on again about the fame Time the next Year; and are again carried off in the fame Manner; and if they thould neglect to carry off this Relapse by Music and Dancing, they fall into incurable Disorders of which they in a few Years die. As Music is the common Cure, so they who are bitten are pleased, some with one fort of it, and some with another; one is pleased with a Pipe, another with a Timbrel, one with a Harp, and another with a Fildle: fo that the Muficians fometimes make feveral Effays before they can accommodate their Art to the Venom: but this is constant and certain, notwithstanding this Variety, that they all require the quickest and briskest Tunes; and are never moved by a flow dull Harmony.

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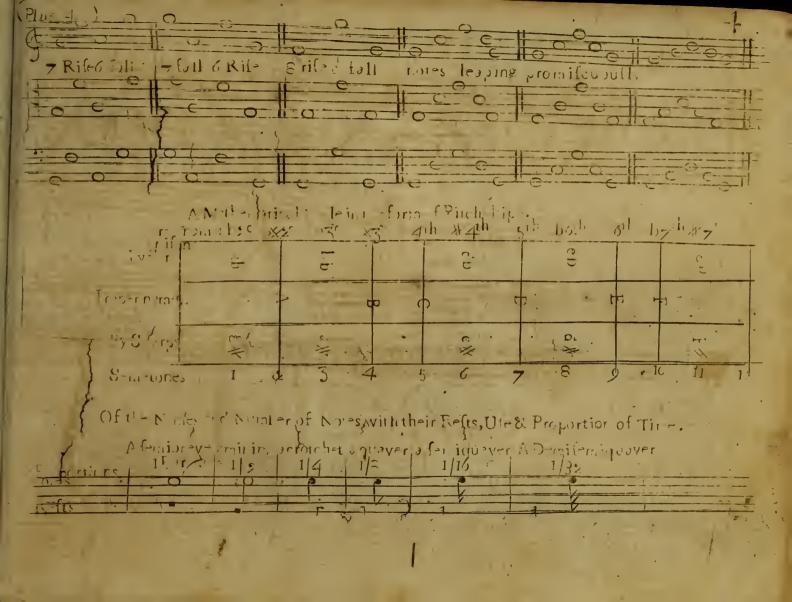
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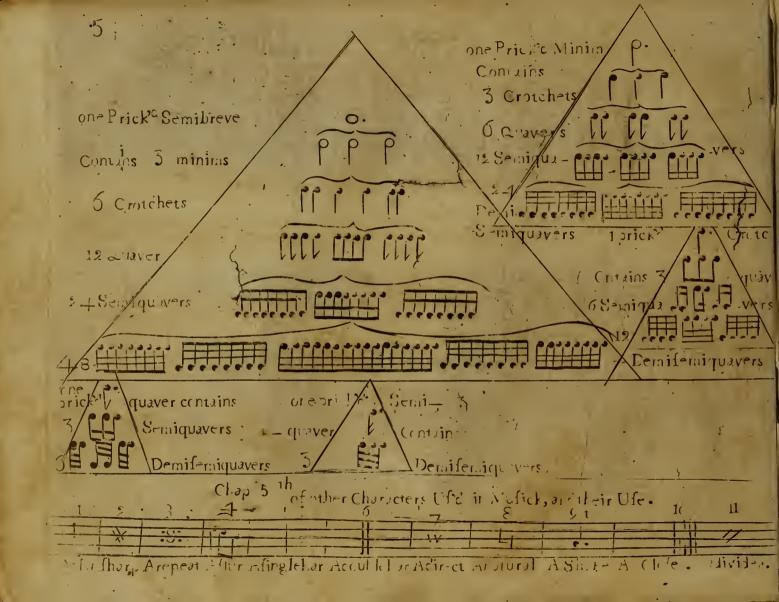
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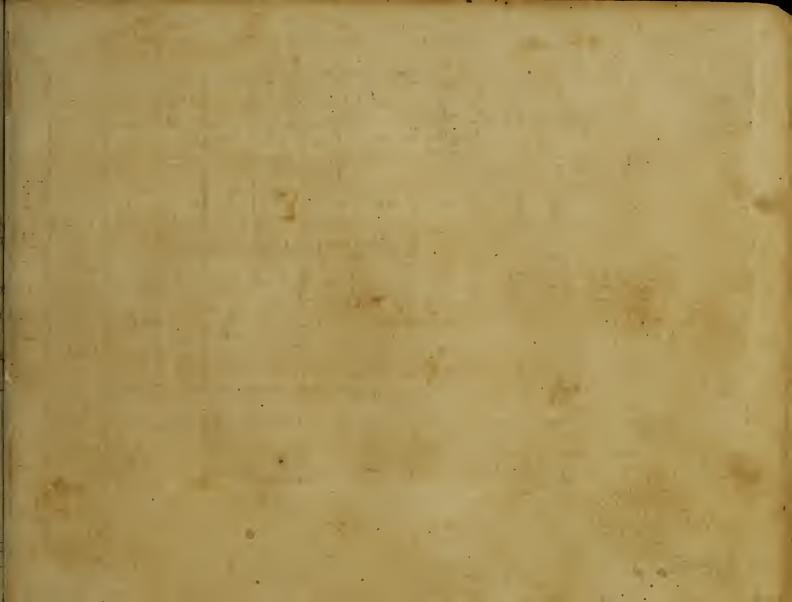
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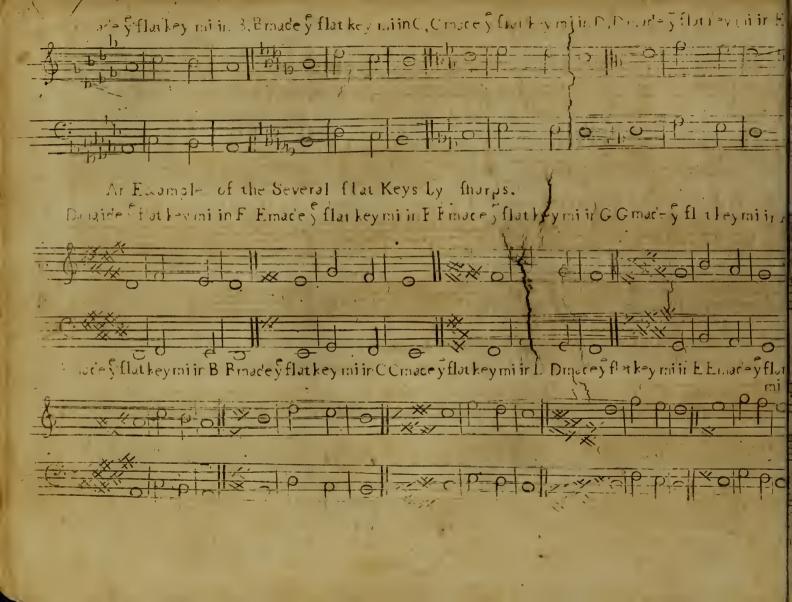


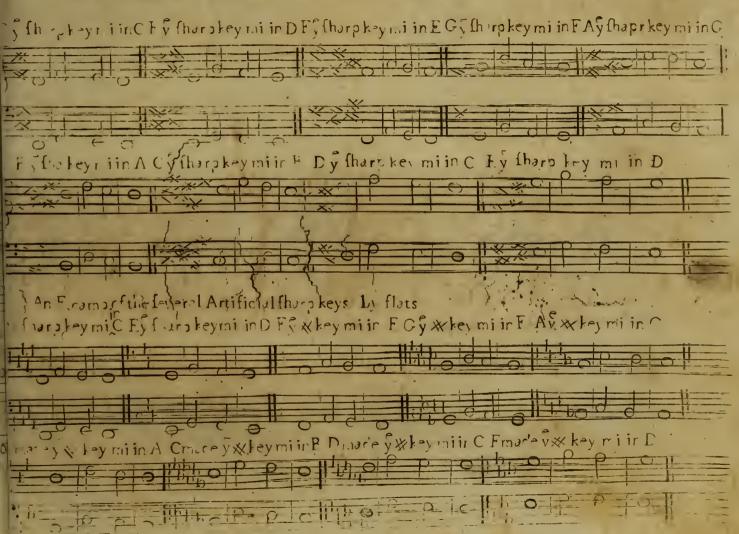


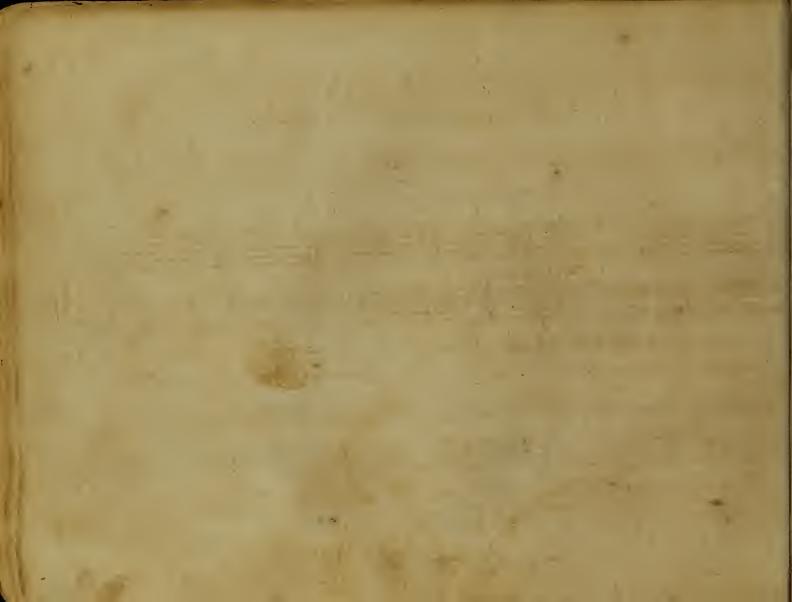
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Explanation

CHAP. I.

Explanation of the GAMUT.

THE Gamut is founded on no more than Seven Letters, viz. A B C D E F G, all above or below these are the same repeated over again, there being but Seven distinct Sounds in Nature, every Eighth or Octave being the same. Observe, That in the first Column of this Gamut Mi is in B, in the Second Column B is Flat, M is in E, the Third Column B and E Flat, Mi is in A, the Fourth Column B. E. & A Flat, Mi is in D, the Fifth Column B. E. A. and D Flat, Mi is in G, the Sixth Column B. E. A. D. G. and G Flat, Mi is in C, the Seventh Column B. E. A. D. G. and C Flat, Mi is in F, the Eighth Column B. E. A. D. G. C. and F Flat, Mi is in B, which brings Mi into its Natural Place, according to the Poet.

By Flats the Mi is Driven Round, Till forc'd in B, to stand its Ground.

In the Ninth Column F is Sharp, Mi is in F, the Tenth Column F and C is Sharp, Mi is in C, the Eleventh Column F. C. and G is Sharp, Mi is in G, the Twelfth Column F. C. G. and D is Sharp, Mi is in D, the Thirteenth Column F. C. G. D. and A is Sharp, Mi is in A, the Fourteenth Column F. C. G. D. A. and E is Sharp, Mi is in E, the Fifteenth Column F. C. G. D. A. E and B is Sharp, Mi is in B, which again brings Mi into its Natural Place, as the Poet expresses it,

By Sharps the Mi's led through the Keys, Till brought Home to its Native Place.

Thus you have an Example of the Transportation of B. Mi through the Seven Letters both by Flats, and Sharps, which is as Extensive as possibly can be.

But three Flats and three Sharps is as many as is generally used, as thus,

THE SCHEME.

The Natural Place for Mi is in B, but

if B be Flat Mi is in (E)
if B & E be Flat Mi is in (A)
if B & A be Flat Mi is in (D)

And
if F & C be Sharp Mi is in (C)
if F & C be Sharp Mi is in (G)

And when you have found Mi in any of these Variations the Notes above are Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, and below

are La, Sol, Fa, La, Sol, Fa, then comes Mi again.

In order to make you more Expeditious in finding your Mi, I have fet the Letters under each Column into which Mi is transpos'd, and have likewise for the Benefit of the Sight, added a Row of Figures under the Letters which makes it very Easy to find the Column you are in pursuit of, and when you have found your Mi in any of all these Variations the Notes above are Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, and all below are La, Sol, Fa, La, Sol, Fa. And then comes Mi again.

Ail your Notes above your Mi, twice Fa, Sol, La, as you may see,
And all below your Mi do sall, twice La, Sol, Fa, as you may Call. (For Example, see P. 1.) Hav-

Having explained the Gamut in as clear a Light as I am Master of, I shall proceed to the Explanation of the Three se-

veral Cliffs, each in their Order.

First, The F. faut or Bass Cliff, is generally set on the highest Line but one of the Five marked as in page 2, it gives its place the Name of F, and when sung must be called Fa, unless it is contradicted by Flats or Sharps at the beginning of a Tune.

Secondly, The C Sol faut Cliff is fet on any one of the five Lines, as in page 2, and gives its Place the Name of C, and when fung must be called Fa, unless contradicted as beforesaid. This was formerly the Tenor Cliff, though it seems at present almost out of Fashion, the Tenor now being commonly set in the G solrecut or Treble Cliff. But in the following Work, I have made use of the C Cliff for the Counter and placed it upon the middle Line, as in page 2, which must be called Fa, unless contradicted as beforementioned. This Cliff is now commonly us'd for the Counter, and in myOpinion, is the best of the Three for that Purpose.

Thirdly, The G.fol. re.ut or Treble Cliff is commonly fet on the Second Line from the Bottom, as in page 2, and when fung must be called Sol, unless contradicted as above faid, and is reckoned to be the best Cliff, either for Tenor or Treble

of any now in use.

Here I think it may not be amiss to exhibit an Example of the Gamut divided into the Three several Cliffs, after the Manner they are taught, by the help of which any Person may learn to call their Notes without the Aid of a Master, as in P.2.

CHAP. II.

Containing a Scale of the four Parts, as they are fet down according to the Gamut.

THIS Scale (See page 2.) plainly proves, the Trebleto be naturally an Fighth above the Tenor, although I have

THIS Scale (See page 2,) plainly proves, the Trebleto be naturally an Eighth above the Tenor, although I have often heard it disputed. For some will say, if an Eighth, why not a Fisteenth; nay I have heard some positively affirm that it is a Fisteenth, which is so Inconsistent with Reason, that nothing but Ignorance could inspire the Thought. But if such Persons will but give themselves the Trouble to look into this Example, they will presently find themselves in a gross Mistake. Because from the lowest Space in the Bass, which is upon A, to the highest Space in the Treble, which is upon E, is but a Nineteenth which you may easily see by counting up the Letters between them; whereas according to their Opinion, if you were to raise it the other Eighth, it would be a Twenty Sixth, which is almost out of the Reach of the human Voice. On the other Hand, if you will look into the Parts separated, you will find the Treble ending upon A, and likewise the Tenor. I race them back into the Scale, and you will find them exactly an Eighth apart, which is a plain Demonstration that a Man cannot sing a proper Treble without counterseiting a Woman's Voice, which is very unnatural, and in the Ears of most Judges very Disagreable: Neither can a Woman sing a proper Tenor without counterseiting a Man's Voice, which is also unnatural and disagreeable: But a Man may sing a Treble the Eighth below, and a Woman a Tenor the Eighth above, and then they will ast upon Principles of Nature, and may make good Music, for every Eighth or Ostave in Effect is the same.

CHAP. III.

Containing Rules for tuning the Voice, &c.

OBSERVE, That in raising the Eight Notes, there are two Semi or half Tones, and those are from Mi to Fa, and La to Fa, ascending; and from Fa to La, and Fa to Mi, descending. So that an Octave confiss of Five whole Tones, and two half Tones; but for your better Instruction, observe the following Mathematical Scale, calculated to shew all the Semi Tones included in an Eighth or Octave with the Concords and Discords figured on the Lines and Spaces, by Way of Inches and half Inches, in Form of a Pitch Pipe, as in page 4.

Explanation of a Concert Pitch Pipe.

HIS Scale, which is drawn according to the Keys of an Organ, is precifely fix Inches long, and contains the feven Sounds in Nature, which may be divided into twelve femi or half Tones. N. B. G sharp and a b are Unison to each other. B b and A sharp, D b & C sharp, E b & D sharp, G b & F sharp, &c. &c. &c. For Example, see P. 4.

CHAP. IV.

Containing some Characters us'd in Musick, with their Explanations, &c.

HIS Table comprehends the Six feveral Sorts of Notes that are now in Use, with their Rests under them, and their

Names and Proportions at Trap, which I shall explain in their Order, and begin with

of Time, is as long as you may leifurely tell 1.2.3.4. your best Guide in this Case will be the Pendulum of a large Chamber Clock, four Vibrations of which being exactly the Time of one Semibreve: This is the Measure Note, and guideth all the Rest.

2d. The Minim, is but half the Length of the Semibreve, having a Tail to it.

3d. The Crotchet is but half the Length of a Minim, with a black Head and Tail.

4th. The Quaver is but half the Length of a Crotchet, with a Tail turn'd up.

5th. The Semiquaver is but half the Length of a Quaver, with two Tails turn'd up.

6th. The Demice friquaver is but half the Length of a Semiquaver with three Tails turn'd up; this is the shortest Note now in Use.

N. B. Rests are Notes of Silence, which signify that you must rest or keep Silence as long as you would be sounding

one of the respective Notes to which they belong, as in page 4.

There is another Character used in Music, call'd a Prick of Perfection or Point of Addition, mark'd thus (.) when this Point is set to a Semibreve, it must be held as long as three Minims, because it makes the Note half as long again as it was before. Here it may not be amiss to give you an Example of prick'd Notes, as in page 5.

CHAP. V.

Containing an Explanation of several Musical Characters.

First, A Flat is a Mark of Contraction, and serveth to sink any Note half a Tone lower than it was before. Flats also us'd to regulate the Mi in the Transposition of Keys.

2d. A Sharp is a Mark of Extension, it being to raise a Note half a Tone higher than it was before. Sharps are

also us'd to regulate the Mi in the Transposition of Keys.

3d. A Repeat is us'd to direct the Performer that such a Part or Strain must be repeated over again, from the Note that it is set over or under. This Character is also us'd in Canons to direct the following Parts to fall in, at such Notes as it is plac'd over.

4th. A Slur is in Form like a Bow drawn over or under the Heads of two, three or more Notes, when they are to be

Sung but to one Syllable.

5th. A fingle Bar ferves to divide the Time in Music according to the Measure Note.

6th. A Double Bar serves to divide many Strains in Music. But if they be Dotted on each Side, thus : 1: it fignissies that such a Strain must be repeated over again. Double Bars are us'd in Psalm Tunes, to divide the Tune into Metre, and likewise to stop to take Breath if you please.

7th. A Direct is plac'd at the End of a Line to direct the Performer to the Place of the first Note in the next Line. 8th. A Natural is a Mark of Restoration, which being set before a Note, that was made Flat or Sharp at the Beginning, restores it to its former Natural Tone.

oth. A Shake or Trill, is to direct the Performer to Shake or Grace any Note it is plac'd over.

10th. A Close is three, four, or more Bars together, and always set after the last Note of a Piece of Musick, which sig-

nisses a Conclusion, or the Closing of all Parts in a proper Key, as in page 5.

There is yet another Character call'd a Divider, commonly mark'd as in page 5, which Divides the Score of the Composition, shewing what Parts move together, and what do not.

CHAP. VI.

Of Time in its various Moods, and how to Beat it in each of them.

HIS Part of Musick called Time, is so necessary to be understood that no Person can ever be able, without it, to Sing as he ought to do; neither can his Musick yield any Delight to himself or others; for, if there be not an exact Agreement of Time in all the Parts, it causes the Musick to Jury and Disagree; but, if rightly understood by all the Personners, it causes the Parts to move and agree one with another, according to the Design of the Composer.

There are several Sorts of Moods for Time, yet all are deduced from two, viz. Common Time and Tripla Time, which are measured by either an even or old Number of Notes, as 4 or 3; not precisely so many Notes in Number.

but the Quantity of such like Notes, to be included in every Bar.

But next I shall give you an Example of the several Moods commonly us'd in Psalmody, as in page 6.

Explanation of the several Moods.

THE First of these Moods is called Adagio which is a very slow Movement. A Semibreve in this Mood is precisely the Time of sour Seconds. You may Beat it two several Ways, either with your Hand once down, and once up in every Bar, which is called Minim Beating, or twice down and twice up which is called Crotchet Beating. Where the Tune chiefly confists of Minims, I would recommend the first but where the Musick confists of lesser Notes, I would recommend the latter to be the easiest and plainest Way, because every Crotchet is exactly one Second, which is a very natural and easy Motion.

The second Mood or Mark is called the Largo Mood being half as quick again as the sormer, so that three Minims in this Mood are to be performed in the same Time that two Minims are in the Adagio Mood, but it is often fixed to Pial n Tunes, in which the Crotchets and all other Notes in Proportion are Sung in the Time of Seconds, so as to make no Dis-

tinction between this and the Adagio Mood except in the Anthems and other brisk Pieces of Music.

The third Mood or Mark is called the Allegro Mood, being as quick again as the first, so that Minims in this Mood are Sung to the Time of Seconds. N. B. This is a very beautiful Movement, and if rightly perform'd carries great

Life and Spirit with it.

There is another Mood sometimes used in Psalmody, mark'd as in page 6, and is called two from four, each Bar containing two Crotchets, one to be beaten down, and the other up. And Crotchets in this Timemust be as quick as Crotchets in the Allegro Mood. Thus much for Common Time.

Explanation of the several Moods of Tripla Time

TRIPLA Time is measur'd by odd Numbers, as 3, 6, 9, &c. each Bar including either three Semibreves, three Minims, three Crotchets, or three Quavers, two of which must be sung or play'd with the Hand down, and one up so that you are just as long again down as up. The first and Slowest Mood is called three to two, each Bar including three Minims, or one pointed Semibreve which are perform'd in the same Time as three Crotchets in Adagio. Two Beats down, and one up, mark'd thus \frac{3}{2}.

The fecond Sort of Tripl.: Time is called Three from Four : Each Bar including three Crotchets, or one pointed Minim. A Crotchet in this Mood to be performed in the fame Time as a Crotchet in Largo, two Beats down, and one up, mark'd thus ?.

The third Sort of Tripla Time is called Three from Eight, each Bar including three Quavers or one pointed Crotchet.

two Beats down and one up, each Bar being performed as quick again as Three from Four, mark'd thus 1.

Thue such for Tripla Time.

In keeping Time the Hand may be a Guide,

Yet Thought's the Prime in which you must confide,

The most correct Way is to beat Time by Pendulums. *

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* Four Pendulums, properly managed, will be sufficient to regulate the Time of the seven Moods commonly used in Psalmedy. A Crotchet in the Adagio Mood, which feems to be the Theme or Roct from whence all the other fix are derived, is to be founded the length of one fecond of Time or the Sixtieth part of a Minute; confequently a Pendulum, whose length from the point of suspenfrom to the Center of Ofcillation, (which in Pendulums made of very small lines, is about the Center of the Bob,) is thirty nine Inchesand two tenths of an Inch, will vibrate it's true time. The Largo Mood is to be fung quicker than the Adagio, in a proportion of 4 to 1; therefore a Crotchet in this Mood is to be founded in the Time of an Oscillation of a Pendulum, which is twenty two Inches and one twentieth in length. As the Allegro Mood is as quick again as the Adagio, the Pendulum answering to Crotchets in that Mood will ferve for Mirims in this. In the fourth Mood of Common Time, marked thus (2) a Crotchet is fung in the Time of a Crotchet in the Allegro, which is as quick again as the Adagio ; therefore the length of a Pendulum to vibrate Crotchets in this Mood, must be nine inches and eight tenths. The first two of the abovementioned Pendulums, may be applied to the two first Moods of Tripla Time. The Pendulum which Ofculates the Time of Crotchets in the Adagio Mood, will Ofcillate Minims in the first Mood of Tripla Time : marked thus (4). And the Pendulum which serves for Crotchets in the Largo Mood will serve for Crotchets likewise in the fecond Mood of Tripla Time; marked thus (1). But as the Third fort of Tripla Time, marked thus (1) contains but three Quavers in a Bar, of equal length of three Quavers in the second fort of Tripla Time, the Movement will be so quick that it will be best to have a Pendulum which will vibrate whole Bars: For which purpose the Pendulum must be in length about fifty inches and two tenths, Philo-Mulico.

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Notwith Sanding the exactness of these Rules for keeting Time, yet Authors are sometimes arbitrary in quickening or slackening the Time, by in-Jerting Mufical Phrases over particular Strains, Such as Adagio, Shaw, Grave, Sc. Either of these fignify that Strain to be performed Comewhat Slower than the Mood it is fet to : So likewife auben you fee Allegro, Vivace, Prefto, &c. over any particular Strain, it implies that it must be terformed something quicker than the Mood that is fixed to it; but when nothing of this Nature occurs, then observe Arielly the Rules betweenentioned. Before I leave this Subject it may not be amifs to fay fimething with refpect to Motion in beating Time, and you ma" take this as infallable that your Hand or Foot must always befalling in the first Part or Note in a Ear, and rising in the last Part, both in Common Time and Treble Time. In Treble Time there is a Threefold Motion required to beat a Bar, viz. After this Manner, 1ft, in letting your Hand fail, observe that you firske first the Ends of your Fingers, 2d, then the Heel of your Hand, and 3dly, raije your Hand up aubich finifies the Bar; be fare, that you divide these Motions into three equal Lengths of Time, not allowing more time to one than another, In that Moult of Time called three to two, this Motion beats Minims, and in three from four it beats Crotchets, and in three from eight it bears Q ravers. N. B. One Motion ferves for all thefe three Troble Time Mods only one quicker that the other, in proportion to the Rule

in length, will vibrate half Bars in & Nondulum that is thirty nine Inches & two tenths of an Inch = lith in length vibrates half Bars in G. Consequently two Wibrations beats one Bar.

Of the Grace of Transition.

THIS Grace, called the Grace of Transition, if rightly performed, is one of the greatest Ornaments to Music that can be used; and in my Opinion, the turning of Thirds up and down, is one of the nicest Points, and if well done, beautifies the Musick exceedingly, whether Vocal or Instrumental.

N. B. When you see three Notes of anyKind with a Figure of 3, they are to be sung in the Time of one Beat; that is, if the Time be 3, they are to be sounded the Length of a Minim; but if the Time be 3, they are to be sung in the

Time of a Crotchet, &c.

Note also—That when you meet with two Notes standing one over the other, they are called choosing Notes, and signify that you may sing which you please, or both if you have Voices enough, and remember that they add not to the Time, but to the Variety.

CHAP. VII.

Of the feveral Keys in Musick, and how to transpose any Tune out of either of the two natural Keys, by Flats, or Sharps, into any other Key.

HERE are but two natural primitive Keys in Musick, viz. C, the sharp and cheerful Key, and A, the slat and melancholly Key. No Tune can be formed rightly and truly, but in one of these two Keys, except the Mi be transposed by either Flats or Sharps, which are set at the Beginning of the sive Lines, which brings them to the same Effect

as the two natural Keys.

These two Keys must be rightly understood, before any great Proficiency can be made in Musick; they are very nice Points, and are worth the Learners While to strive for the Attainment of. It is a Proof of a very nice Taste and Discernment in a Chorister, to chuse a Flat Key Tune for a Psalm of Penitence and Prayer; and likewise a sharp Key Tune for a Psalm of Praise in a stat Key Tune, and a Psalm of Prayer in a starp Key Tune, would be a direct Contradiction. The Musick and the Words would greatly tend to lessen the Beauty of each other. But you must endeavour to make the Musick conform to the Words; then they will serve to beautify each other. But next I shall proceed to give an Example of the several Keys, both Natural and Artificial. For Example see Pages 6, 7 & 8.

Thus I have given an Example of the feveral Keys, both natutal and artificial, into which B. Mi is transpos'd; and I would have it be remembered that it is not Flats that make flat Keys, nor Sharps that make flarp Keys. But it is B. Mi which is always next to the Key Note, either above or below; if below, then it is a sharp Key, and if above, then it is a

flat Key.

Observe,

Observe, That the last Note in the Bass is the Key Note, and contains the Air of the whole Tune: For a Tune depends as much on its proper Key, as a Sermon does on its Text. Thus much for Keys.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Doctrine of Concords and Discords, both Perfect and Imperfect.

THERE are but four Concords, in Music, viz. the Unison, Third, Fifth and Sixth, their Eighths or Octaves are also meant. The Unison is call'd a perfect Chord, the Fifth is also call'd a Perfect Chord, the Third and Sixth are call'd Imperfect, their Sounds being not so full and Sweet as the Perfect.

The Discords are a Second, Fourth and Seventh, and their Octaves. Here take an Example of Concords and Dis-

cords with their Octaves under them.

	CONCORDS.				-1	DISCORDS.			
	1.	3.	5.	6.		2.	4.	7.	
Ţ	8	10	12	13		9	II	14	
Their Octaves, or Eighths	15	17	19	20		16	18	2 I	&c.
	22	24	26	27	<u> </u>	23	25	28	

N. B. If a Voice or Instrument, could reach to Ten Thousand Ostaves,* they all counted as one in Nature.

• Perhaps there may appear (in the Eyes of some) a direct contradiction between this Clause and the 8th Page in the Estay on Sound, where a material Difference is Philosophically prov'd between a Unison and an Octave; but although the Vibrations are as different as that of 2 to 1, yet there is so great a Similarity that vulgarly (not strictly) speaking, they are called the same. But however, this is a very nice Point, and must be left for more Mature Heads to comment upon; and I would not advise any who have not had ten or twelve Years Experience in the Science, to perplex themselves about the Definition of it, for I am positive that before they can have a thorough Understanding of this Matter, they must be very well vers'd in the Theory as well as the Practice.

C H A P. IX.

Thoughts on MUSIC.

In Order to make good Music, there is great Judgment required in dividing the Parts properly, so that one shall not over-power the other. In most Singing Companies I ever heard, the greated Failure was in the Bass, for let the Three upper Parts be Sung by the best Voices upon Earth, and after the best Manner, yet without a sufficient Quantity of Bass, they are no better than a Scream, because the Bass is the Foundation, and if it be well laid, you may build upon it at Pleasure. Therefore in order to have good Music, there must be Three Bass to one of the upper Parts. So that for Instance, suppose a Company of Forty People, Twenty of them should sing the Bass, the other Twenty should be divided according to the Discretion of the Company into the upper Parts, six or seven of the deepest Voices should sing the Ground Bass, which I have set to most of the Tunes in the following Work, and have taken Care to set it chiefly in the compass of the Human Voice, which if well sung together with the upper Parts, is most Majestic, and so exceeding Grand as to cause the Floor to tremble, as I myself have often experienced. Great Care should also be taken to Pitch a Tune on or near the Letter it is set, though sometimes it will bear to be set a little above and sometimes a little below the Key, according to the Discretion of the Performer; but I would recommend a Pitch Pipe, which will give the Sound even to the nicety of half a Tone.

Much Caution should be used in singing a Solo, in my Opinion Two or Three at most are enough to sing it well, it should be sung as Sost as an Eccho, in order to keep the Hearers in an agreeable Suspense till all the Parts join together in a full Chorus, as smart and strong as possible. Let all Parts close in a proper Key, and a full Organ, which will yield great delight; both to the Performers and Hearers.

Thus gentle Reader you have my Sentiments upon the Matter.

No Doubt they're Faulty, pray excuse 'em,
If you like 'em, prithee use 'em,
Criticks, be Tender, don't abuse 'em.
Your's,

W.B.

- All Notes that descend below G Gamut in the Bass, occasion an agreeable Tremor. But in my Opinion double D, viz. (an Ostave below the Middle Line of the Bass) is the most commanding and Majestick of any Sound in Nature. N. B. Blowing a Note carries it an Ostave below itself, so as to make D blow'd as low as double D not blow'd, &c.
 - † Such is thy Force, O Harmony Divine! Such the Effect thou hast upon the Ear! That all are forc'd to liften to thy Charms, In pleasing Extacy and fond Amaze.

On MUSICK.

All facred Music, which of all the Sweets
From Heaven deriv'd for Man to taste, art chief.
In all the various Frames of Man, 'tis thine
To move the various Passions of the Soul.
When Pain usurps the Empire of the Breast,
Thy soothing Balfam can assuage the Sting,
And pour the Balm of Pleasure on the Wound.
When Grief and Cares hang heavy o'er the Mind,
And gloomy Melancholy clogs the Thought,
Thy enliv'ning Beams can dissipate the Cloud,
And warm the Soul with rapturous Delight.
When Passion rages over all the Man,
'Tis thine to calm the, Tampest of the Mind,
And soften all the Hero into Love.
'Again 'tis thine to call the Lover forth,

From the fost Scenes of Pleasure and Amour. To brave the Dangers of the bloody War. The Savage owns thy almost magic Power, To Tame the Native Wildness of his Breast. And melt the icy Fibres of his Heart. Again the Lion raging for his Prey, When Musick meets him on his rapid Course, Struck into Pause, let's drop his Fury there, In fond Attention to the pleasing Charm. Such is the Nature of the vital Clay, Such the Formation of its curious Parts, That all the nicer Passions of the Man, And every coarfer Instinct of the Brute. Are sweetly subject to the Powers of Sound. Cambridge, Sept. 30, 1770. Philo-Musico,

To all Musical Practitioners.

Person to some an Air any more than the bare Knowledge of the sour and twenty Letters, and strict GrammaticalRules will qualify a Scholar for composing a Piece of Poetry, or properly adjusting a Tragedy, without a Genius. It must be Nature, Nature must lay the Foundation, Nature must inspire the Thought. But perhaps some may think I mean and intend to throw Art intirely out of the Question, I answer by no Means, for the more Art is display'd, the more Nature is decorated. And in some forts of Composition, there is dry Study requir'd, and Art very requisite. For instance, in a Fuge, where the Parts come in after each other, with the same Notes; but even there, Art is subservient to Genius. for Fancy goes first, and strikes out the Work roughly, and Art comes after, and polishes it over. But to return to my Text; I have read several Author's Rules on Composition, and find the strictest of them make some Exceptions, as thus, they say that two Eighths or two Fifths may not be taken together rising or falling, unless one be Major and the other Minor; but rather than spoil the Air, they will allow that Breach to be made, and this allowance gives great Latitude to young Composition, I shall certainly spoil the Air, and Cross the Strain, that sancy distated: And indeed this is without dispute, a very just Plea, for I

am fure I have often and fenfibly felt the difagreeable and flavish Effects of fuch a restraint as is here pointed out, and fo I believe has every Composer of Poetry, as well as Musick, for I presume there are as strict Rules for Poetry, as for Mufick. But as I have often heard of a Poetical Licence, I don't fee why with the fame Propriety there may not be a Musical Licence, for Poetry and Music are in close Connection, and nearly allied, besides they are often assistants to each other; and like true friends often hide each others failings: For I have known a Piece of Poetry that had neither "Rhime nor Rea for" init, pass for tolerable good Sense, because it happened to be set to an excellent Piece of Musick, and so get respect rather For its good fortune in falling into fuch respectable Company than for any Merit in itself; so likewise I have known and heard a very indifferent Tune often fung, and much carefs'd, only because it was set to a fine Piece of Poetry, without which recommendation, perhaps it would not be fung twice over by one Perfon, and would be deem'd to be dearly bo't only at the expence of Breath requifite to perform it-for my own Part, as I don't think myfelf confin'd to any Rules for Composition laid down by any that went before me, neither should I think (were I to pretend to lay down Rules) that any who came after me were any ways obligated to adhere to them, any further than they should think proper: So in fact, I think it is best for every Composer to be his own Carver. Therefore, upon this Consideration, for me to dictate, or pretend to prescribe Rules of this Nature for others, would not only be very unnecessary, but also a great Piece of Vanity.

A fimple Fellow bro't a Piece of Profe to Sir Thomas Moore for his Inspection; Sir Thomas told him to put it into Rhime, accordingly he did; upon which Sir Ibomas said to him, now it is Rhime; but before it was neither Rhime nor Reason.

CHAP. X.

Containing an Explanation of the most Useful Terms that are us'd in Musick; particularly of those that are in this Book, set down in Alphabetical Order.

DAGIO-very flow or the flowest Cliff-the Key to open a Piece of Musick. Divoto-in a devout Manner. Movement of Time. Allegro-a very quick Movement, being Canon-A perpetual Fuge. as quick again as Adagio. Affetuofo - very Tender and Affecti- Chorus - all Parts moving together. Allelujab-PRAISE THE LORD. Altus-The Counter. Breve-aNote containing two Semibreves Da-Capo-End with the first Strain. Bass-The lowest foundational Part & Demi-The Half. generally confin'd to the F Cliff. Binary-up, and down, both equal.

Cadence-All Parts making a Close. Chant-to fing, also the Church Tune. Close-all Parts ending in Harmony. Counter-Tenor - between Treble and Tenor may be fet in the Cor G Cliff. Diapafin-a perfect Eighth. Disdiapason-a Fifteenth.

Dux-the leading Fuge or Part. Doubles-all Notes that descend below Gamut, viz. the lower line in the Bass. are called Doubles; as double F, double E, double D, double C, double B, double A, double G; and all below double G, are called double double: as double double F, &c. Eccho-foft like an Eccho. Encore—over again more yet, the same

as Repeat.

Forte

Forte-Loud, Strong. F, faut - in the Bass one whole Tone below G folreut in the Tenor. Fo-tilino-very loud. Fin-The last or flaishing Note. Fuge or Fuging-Notes flying after of Ofcillation-A vibrating or swinging. the fame. N. B. Fuging is accounted Organo - The Organ Part. most grateful both to Performers and! Auditors, of any Part in Composition. Piano-Soft and sweet like an Eccho. Granda-very grand or the greatest. Gratiofo-graceful and agreeable. Guida - the leading Voice or Instrument. Philo-Musico - A lover of Musick. Gravasonus—very grave and solid. Hemi-The Half. Hallelujah-Praise ye the Lord. In harmonical - Sounds disagreeable. Ledger Lines, viz. - Lines that run above or below the five Lines. Lamantatone-Lamenting and Grave. Large—a Note containing two Longs. Long -a Note containing two Breves. Languissiant - in a languishing Manner. Solo or Solus - Either Part alone. being half way between Adagio and - Bars. Allegro.

Musico-Theorico-a Composer, a Master or Teacher of Musick.

Medius-The Counter Part or Treble. fung an Octave below itself with a Tenor Voice. Major - The greater.

Maestuso - With Majesty and Grandeur. | Mathematically prov'd in page 2. Minor - The Leffer.

Moderatio-Of a moderate frength. Nota-Bene-Mark well.

Offave - A perfect Eighth of 12 Semitones.

ments.

Presto-Quick.

Pieno-full, or altogether.

Quarta-Four Parts in Score. Harmonick Sounds - Sounds agreeable. Rettre & Rettro - Forwards & Backwards, Tutt or Tute - All Voices together.

|Replica - Let it be repeated.

Semi-the Half.

Score-All Parts Randing Bar against Veloce-Very quick. Bar, according to the strictest Rules. Vivacifimo - With Life and Spirit. N. B. Musick out of Score, said to Vibration - Shaking or Trembling. be like Tune without Time.

| Semitonick - The Octave divided into 12 Voce Solo - A Solo to be performed by 2 Sounds.

Treble-The 3d Octave above the Bass, that G solreut in the Treble is an Oc- North-End of Boston. tave above G folreut in the Tenor

Tacet-Silence.

Tenderment-In a tender Manner. Transposition-Removing from one Key to another.

Tre or Trio-Three Parts.

Tritone - A greater 3d of 4 Semitones. the most ingenious and generally the Organ - The grandest of all Wind Instru-Tripla - Time moving or measured by Threes.

Tenor-The second Octave above the Bass, also the leading or Church Part, and may be fet in the C or G Cliff, if in the latter it must be sung an Eighth

below the Treble, see page 2. Unison-One and the same Sound. Vivace-Gay, quick and lively.

Vigerofo-With Life and Vigour.

fingle Voice.

N. B. These are the most general Lurgo - a Middle Movement of Time, Syncotation - Sounds driven thro' the Term's us'd in Mulick, therefore most beneficial for Learners.

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New-England Hymn, by the Rev. Dr. Byles.

[Adapted to America Tune.]

To Thee, our Father's God, and our's;
This Wilderness we chose our Seat:
To Rights secur'd by Equal Laws,
From Persecution's Iron Claws,
We here have sought our calm Retreat.

See! how the Flocks of JESUS rife!
See! how the Face of Paradife
Blooms thro' the Thickets of the Wild!
Here Liberty erects her Throne;
Here Plenty pours her Treasures down;
Peace smiles, as Heav'nly Cherubs mild.

Lord, guard thy Favours; Lord, extend Where farther Western Suns descend;
Nor Southern Seas the Blessings bound;
'Till Freedom lift her chearful Head,
'Till pure Religion onward spread,
And beaming, wrap the Globe around.

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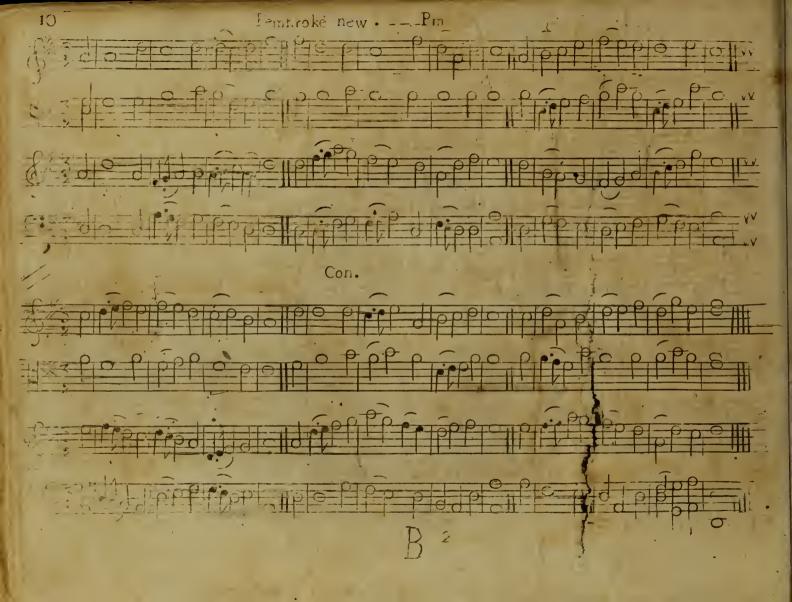
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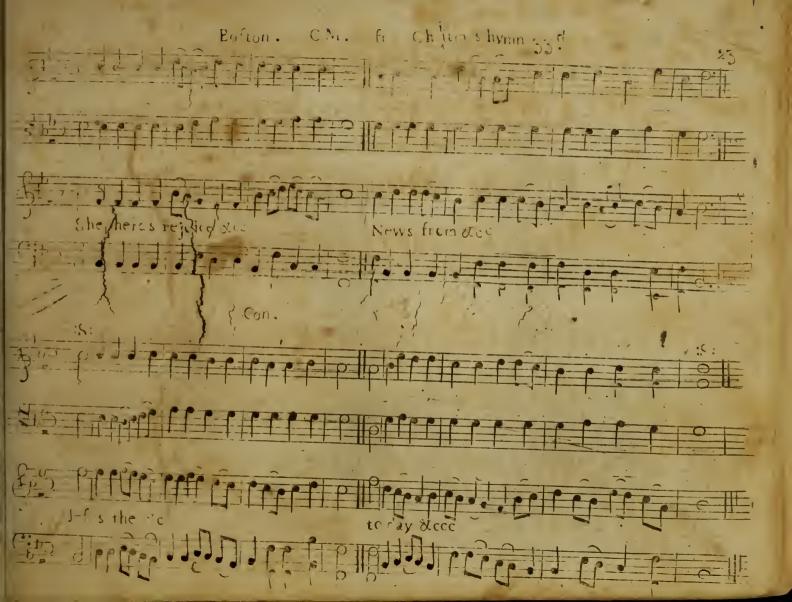


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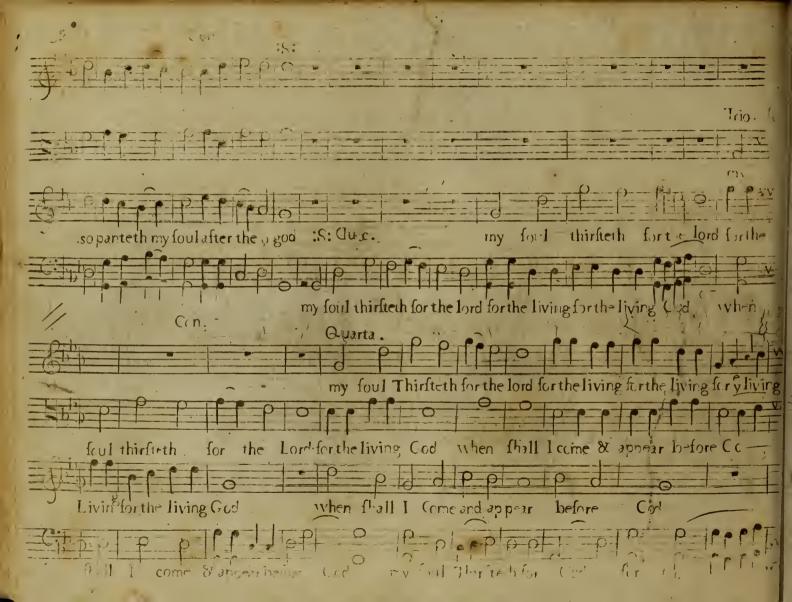
















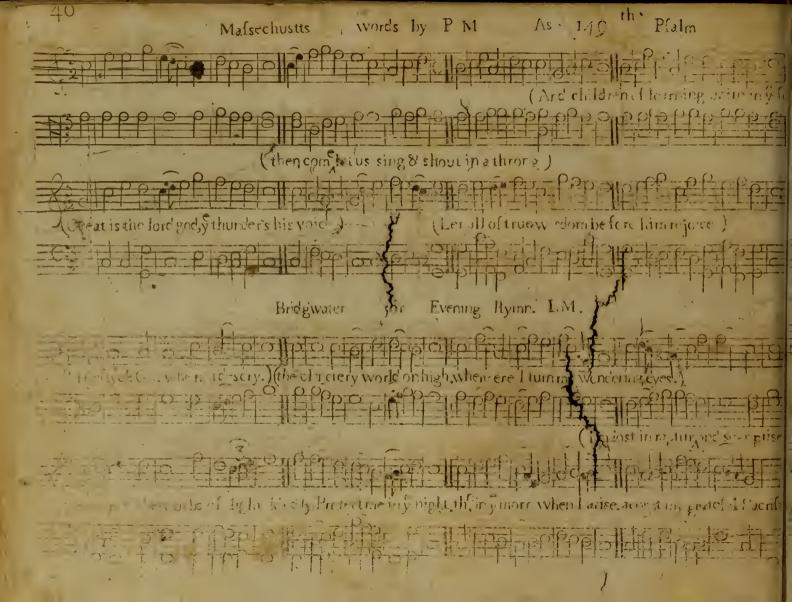




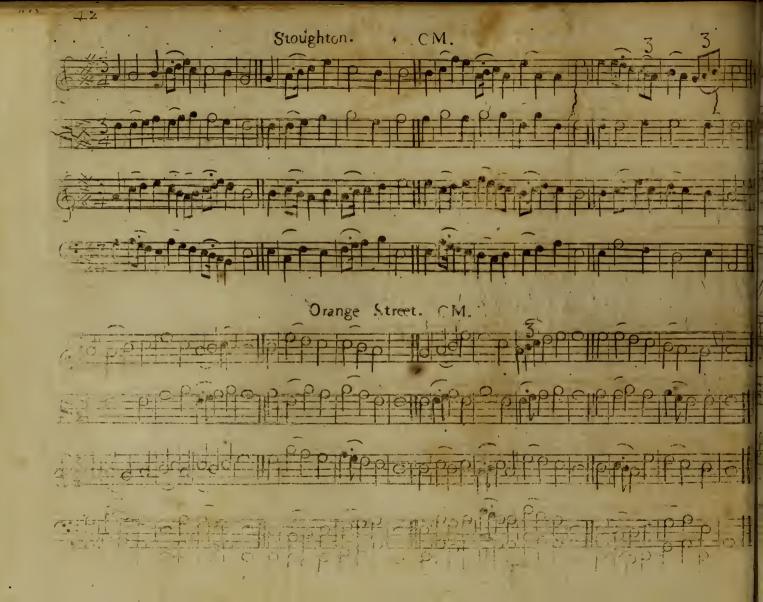












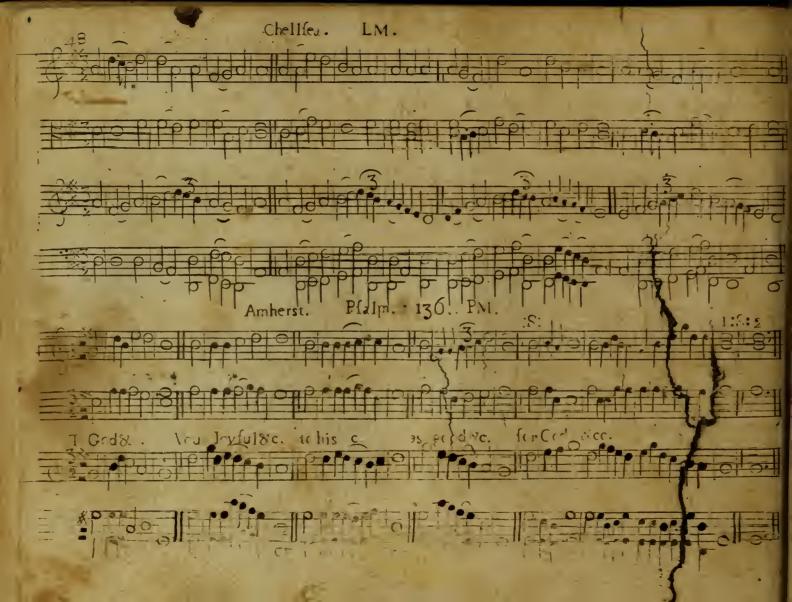


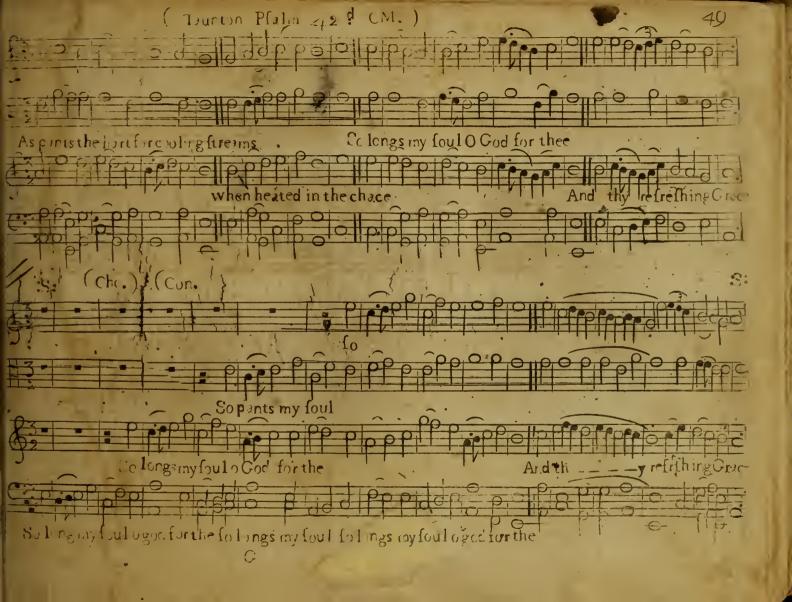






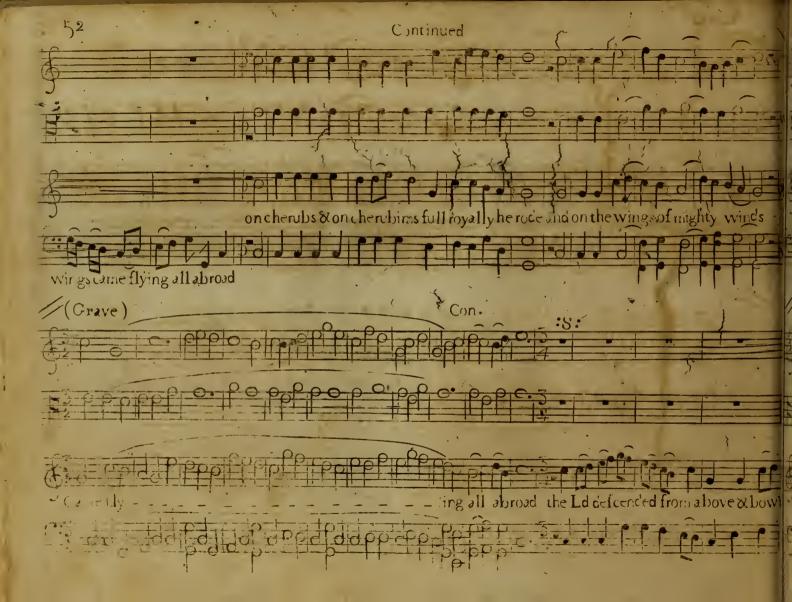




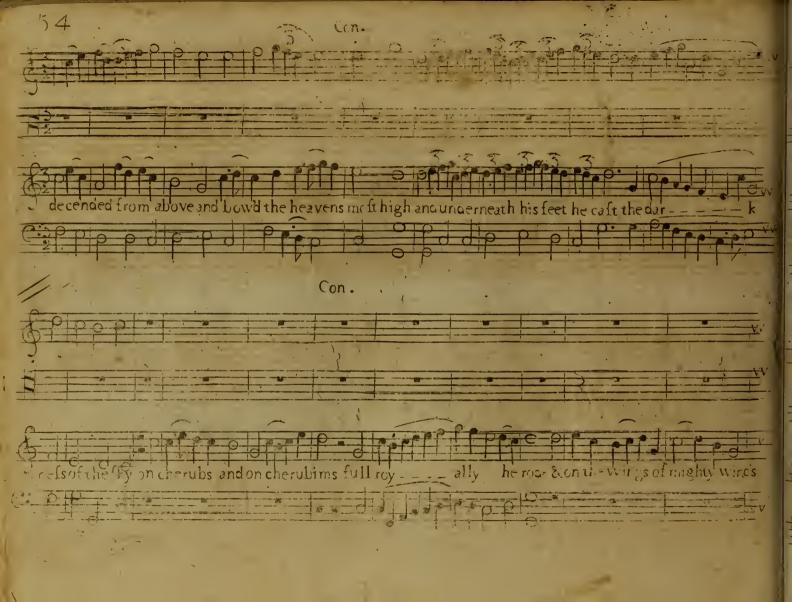






















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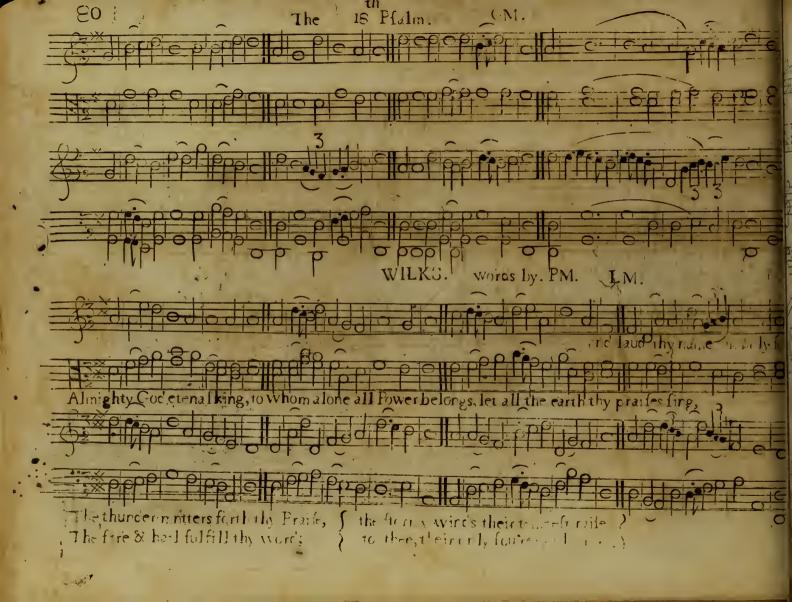


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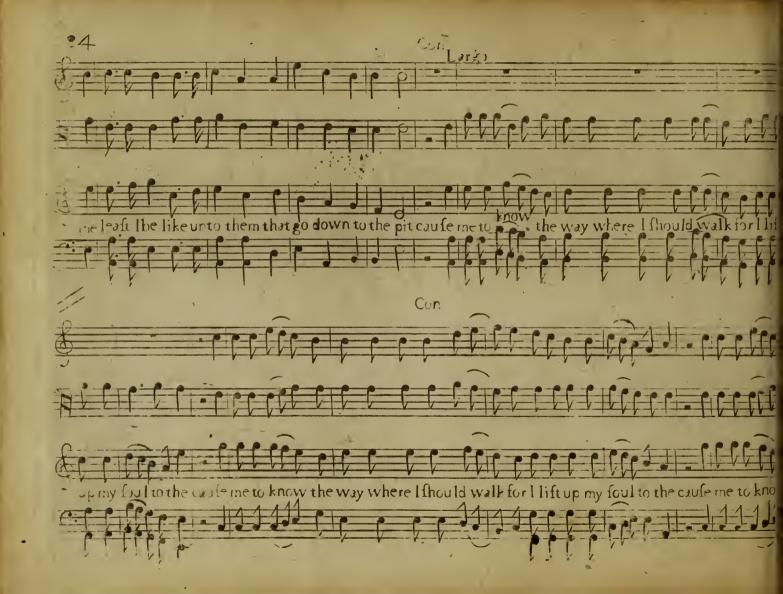










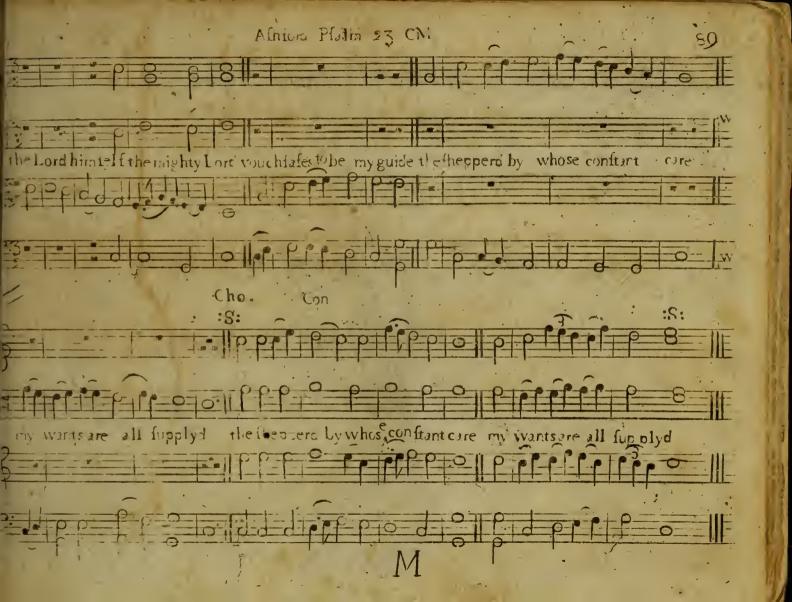




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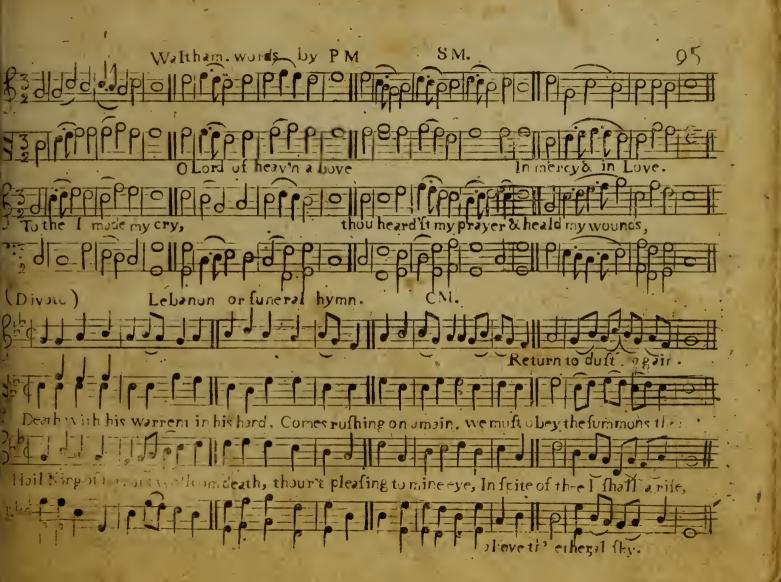














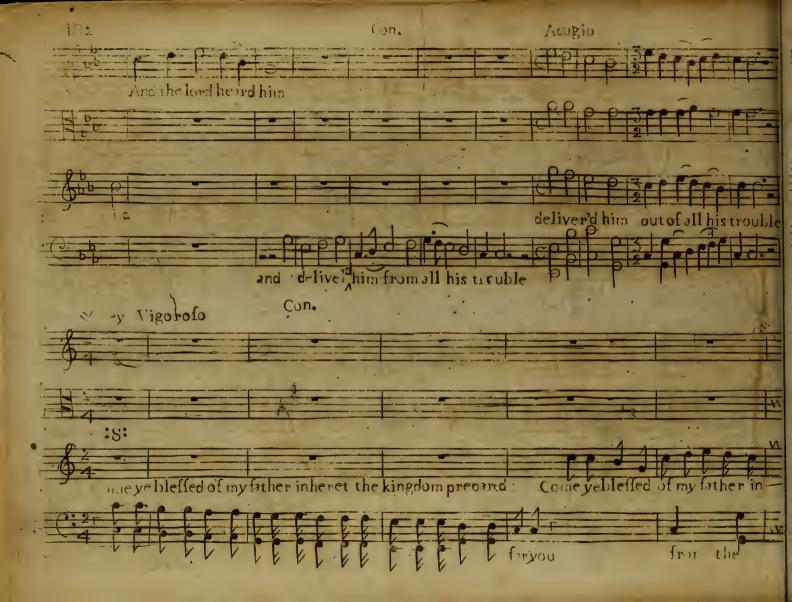






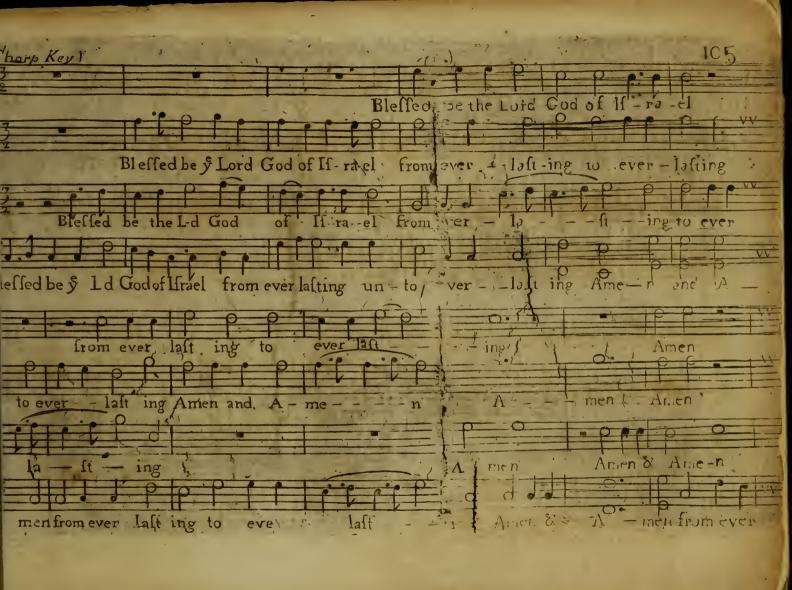


















The Reader is desired to excuse my inserting the following Explanatory Piece so much out of Place, but the Reason is because it intirely slipt my Memory till the Introduction was Printed—it being very essential to be understood, I could not (in Justice to the Learner) omit it.

VOU will often meet with the Figures 1, 2. The Figure 1 standing over one Bar, and 2 over the next Bar, with a Repeat * standing between them; it signifies that Strain from the Figure 1, to be repeated; that is, you must look back from Figure 1, till you find a Repeat, and observe that in going over that Strain the second Time, you omit the Bar under Figure 1, and perform the Bar under Figure 2.—And you will find upon Examination, that it is so contriv'd, to make out full Bars, as for Example—suppose the Time to be 3/2, and the Bar under Figure 1 contains but aSemibreve, then by borrowing a Minim out of the first Barthat is repeated, you fill the Bar under Figure 1; and you must take it for granted that the Bar under Figure 2, is, or ought to be full, without borrowing; fo that by omitting the Bar under Figure 1, in repeating, you have all Bars full .- For an Example of this Nature, I would refer you to Pumpily Tune. And oftentimes in plain Psalmody, where the Time is ½, you will find but one Minim in the first Bar, and a Semibreve in the last Bar: And in this Case, they both make but one Bar; fo that by borrowing of each other, they may both be full, that is, if I beat two Beats down on the Semibreve, then in Singing the Tune the Second Time, I fing the Minim with my Hand up, it compleats the Bar; and when you have fung the Tune as often as you propose, you must leave off with the Two Beats down, without raising your Hand, because unless you begin the Tune again, the Bar is Impersect.

N. B. This Example holds good in $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$.

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Adapted to Marshfield Tune, p. 76, Brookfield ditto, p. 7, or Weststeil uitto, p. 71.

A H! lovely Appearance of Death!

No Sight upon Earth is fo fair;

Not all the gay Pageants that breathe,

Can with a dead Body compare.

With folemn delight I furvey,
The Corpfe when the Spirit is fled;
In Iove with the beautiful Clay,
And longing to lie in it's Stead.

How blest is our Brother, bereft
Of all that could burthen his Mind!
How easy the Soul that hath left.
This wearifome Body behind!

Of Evil incapable thou,
Whose Relicts with Envy I see;
No longer in Misery now,
No longer a Sinner like me.

This Earth is affected no more
With Sickness or shaken with Fain;
The War in the Members is o'er,
And never shall yex him again.

No Anger he : forward, or Shame, Shall redden this innocent Clay; Extinct is the Animal Flame, And Passion is vanish'd away. This languishing Head is at rest,
Its thinking and aching are o'er;
This quiet immoveable Breast
Is heav'd by Affliction no more.

This Heart is no longer the Seat Of Trouble and torte. g Pain, It ceases to flutter and beat, It never shall slutter again.

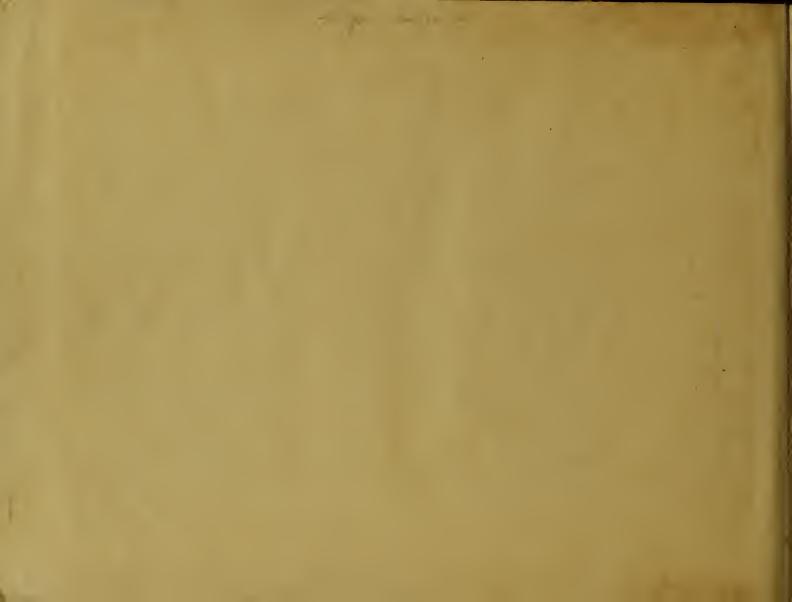
The Lids he io feldom could close, By Sorrows forbidden to Jeep, Seal'd up in eternal Repose, Have strangely forgotten to weep.

The Fountains can yield no Supplies.
These Hollows from Water are free,
The Tears are all wip'd from these Eyes,
And evil they never shall see.

XI.
To mourn and to fuffer is mine,
While bound in a Prison I breathe,
And still for Deliverance pine,
And press to the Issues of Death.

What now with my Tears I bedew,
O! might I this Moment become!
My Spirit 'created anew,
My Flesh be configu'd to the Tomb.

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